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The Honorable Brian M. Cogan United States District Court Eastern District of New York 225 Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, NY 11201

Re: <u>United States v. Beltran-Levya, et al.</u>, 09-cr-466 – Unsealing of Records

Dear Judge Cogan:

I write on behalf of The New York Times Company ("The Times") regarding sealed judicial records in Joaquín Guzmán Loera's above-referenced criminal case. Over the past two months, the parties have agreed that certain documents can be unsealed. We write to ask that the Court now unseal those records.

First, in a joint letter to the Court on April 5, 2019, the parties consented to the release of docket items 420, 477, and 528 with limited redactions. See Dkt. 601 at 1. Though the Court's subsequent order addressed these docket items, see Dkt. 603 ¶¶ 5, 7, they remain inaccessible on the public docket. The Times asks that they be publicly released.

Second, in a separate letter filed with the Court on May 5, 2019, the parties addressed the continued sealing of numerous other records. See Dkt. 610. The parties agreed on the need to seal (or unseal) some records but disagreed on others. The Times is sensitive to the Court's workload and appreciates that resolving the sealing disputes may take some time. In the interim, however, The Times respectfully requests that the Court order the unsealing of records that the parties have agreed can be released: 45 (partially), 124, 126, 174, 175, 230, 256, 263 (not exhibits), 276 (not exhibits), 283, 286, 307, 311, and 334.

We thank the Court for its consideration.

¹ The parties also consented to the release of docket item 484, but it appears that document has already been made public. *See* Dkt. 587-6.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: All counsel of record (via e-mail)